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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Communications dated December 12, 2001 and June 10, 2002, which issued in connection with the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Abstract of the Disclosure:

Please re-write the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

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